

**Pure Canadian Ceylon Tea**  
 The Best is Blue Ribbon.  
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 Price per pound, 50c.  
 Try a pound of our famous Boston "Chase & Sanborn's" ROAST COFFEE  
**ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.**

**Amusements Tonight.**  
 Star Theater—Vaudeville.  
**Lodge Meetings Tonight.**  
 Seaside Lodge A. O. U. W.  
 Rathbone Sisters K. of P.

**Local Brevities.**  
 A daughter was born to the wife of A. T. Selverts yesterday morning.

Norway Herring, extra large, 4 for 25 cents, at  
**ASTORIA GROCERY.**

We have a few boxes of Northern Spy apples at 75c per box. Astoria Grocery Co.

Special inducements offered in dress and walking skirts this week at Foard & Stokes Co.

Special inducements offered in cook stoves and air-tight heaters this week at Foard & Stokes Co.

We have just received a shipment of fine Norway Herring and Anchovy.  
**ASTORIA GROCERY.**

Judge Olof Anderson is quite a sick man. Although somewhat improved yesterday, he is by no means well.

For good things to eat call at 523 Commercial or phone Main 681.  
**ASTORIA GROCERY.**

Schlitz's beer made Milwaukee famous, and is having the same effect on the Grotto. Nothing better on the market.

Our large stock of Reliable Footwear will be sold this month at a great reduction. Don't miss it. Wherity, Ralston & Co.

The Occident tonorial parlors and bath facilities are equalled by none. Everything modern and up to date. See Peterson.

Sweet naval oranges from 15 to 45c per dozen. Plenty of good cooking apples at 80c per box.  
**ASTORIA GROCERY.**

Great reduction in dry goods and clothing will be made during the month of January at our annual sale, now going on. C. H. Cooper.

Butter has hit another notch and is now sold for 70 cents a roll. And some people wonder why officers want more salary. Chinamen don't eat butter.

The Mirror invites the public to its annual clearance sale of fine liquors. The finest goods and best treatment. Family liquor store. P. E. Peterson.

Our annual sale is the talk of the town—patrons have been waiting for it—don't miss it; come early. C. H. Cooper, the leading house of Astoria.

In his annual report Master Fish Warden Van Dusen urges the necessity of appropriating money sufficient to maintain a hatchery on the McKensie river and inaugurating experimental stations on the Deschutes. Pursuant to the recommendations the house has passed a bill appropriating \$15,000 for the purpose and it has assurance of being passed in the senate.

Miss Hilda Peterson entertained the members of the Dorcas Society at her home in Upper Astoria last evening. A very enjoyable time was had.

A full and complete assortment of Lowmy's celebrated chocolates and fine candies received at Tagg's. This house has the exclusive agency for these confections.

Dr. W. C. Barr of Portland, who came to Astoria few days ago on a hunting trip, was taken down with tonsillitis. He expects to be able to return home tonight.

For sale—At Gaston's feed stable, No. 105 Fourteenth street; one Landie's harness machine; one Smith-Premier typewriter; one 20 hp motor and belt; 1000 good sacks.

If you have a cough or cold be sure and get a bottle of White Pine Cough Syrup. The best to be had. For sale at the Owl and Eagle Drug Stores, at 25 and 50 cents per bottle.

The Imperial oyster house is prepared to furnish Shoalwater bay oysters in quantities of pints and quarts to supply the family trade. Colonial oysters always on hand.

Our large stock of fine dry goods, clothing, furnishing goods and all will be placed on reduced sale prices during the next 30 days. C. H. Cooper, the leading house of Astoria.

For pure drugs, and prescriptions compounded by a manufacturing chemist go to Dr. C. E. Linton's drug store, 1496 Franklin avenue. A complete stock of everything pertaining to a drug store is carried.

There is no complaint about business at the Star saloon. Good goods and courteous treatment will draw trade to any first-class saloon. That's what makes business good at the Star. The best is none too good for our customers.

Superintendent Kearney had a force of men at work yesterday washing off the streets. There are no cross walks in Astoria, the same as in other cities, and the streets ought to be kept passable for pedestrians, especially the women.

**Important Notice.**  
 We have made another progressive step. We now carry at our branch store in the Flavel brick building on Bond street a complete line of oil clothing and rubber boots. Fisher Bros. Company.

It is only a question of a very short time when the Star theater will be the only legitimate vaudeville theater in Astoria. It is better patronized and the performances are free from anything to shock the sensibilities of those who desire to visit refined theaters.

Chairman Hansen of the street committee is preparing a list of streets that the council contemplate repaving this spring and summer. As soon as completed the list will be open for inspection and all persons interested can file any objections they may have. The plan is a good one and by commencing the improvements early in the spring there will be no delays occasioned where improvements are not made until winter.

George Kaboth and a number of prominent Astorians identified with the fishing industry left last night for Olympia where they go to attend the joint meeting of the fishing committees of Oregon and Washington which will meet in Olympia tonight.

A large number of the Columbia river fishermen are busy knitting nets for the coming fishing season. Very few nets were knit last year, consequently there will be a large increase of new nets on the river this year in anticipation of a prosperous fishing season.

Business has become so dull at the police station that Chief Hallock is contemplating inaugurating a grand clearance sale. Not a drunk in Astoria this week, not a hold up or crime committed. Where is there another wide open city in the United States that can show such a record.

The Senby Gas Engines are prize winners of 1904 Regatta, 4 1/2 hp 2 saych marine engines, \$195; 3 1/2 hp, 4 cycle, one cylinder, \$165; 6 hp, 4 cycle, two cylinder, \$450. The 6 hp is built for small boats and weighs 450 lbs. Salesman for Columbia River, Ludwig Hauge, Knappton, Wash.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Carl H. Strom was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of Adolph Johnson on Exchange street. A large number of friends attended the funeral. Rev. William Seymour Short preached the funeral sermon. A delegation from the Elks lodge officiated as pass bearers. The Carpenters' union attended the funeral.

**REWARD**—We shall give \$10 in gold as a first prize, and \$5 as a second prize to the boy or girl under 18 years of age, writing the best poem of two or more verses, using the MONARCH RANGE as the subject of the poem. All poems to be handed in before 6 p. m. on February 16, 1905. Charles Heilborn & Son, Complete House-furnishers, 590-592 Commercial Street.

The county court did not fix the tax levies yesterday at their meeting on account of the absence of District Attorney Allen. The court will meet again today when the levies will probably be fixed. The contracts will also be drawn for completing the court house and will be submitted to the contractors Monday.

It is surprising the number of people that are brought to Astoria every day by the small steamers plying between the small towns on both sides of the river. These people are attracted by advertisements, showing the inducements offered by the merchants and are anxious to secure some of the many bargains offered.

It is with pangs of regret that announcement of the death of the hotel committee is chronicled. There was not enough saved out of the wreck to take a photograph of the hotel site. Cholera infantum is assigned as the immediate cause of death, in connection with a violent attack of cerebro spinal meningitis. The spinal cord became paralyzed early in the game, resulting in a compound fracture of the base of the brain. Poor thing. How it must have suffered.

Letters and telegrams were received from Salem yesterday in effect, that a probable compromise will be effected relative to the Astoria charter bill. It is claimed that the Burns bill will be passed with one or two of the Tuttle amendments, chief among which will be changing the time of holding the elections from December to June. This amendment is endorsed by nine-tenths of the people of Astoria.

A branch of the St. Nicholas Benevolent society was established in this city Thursday with 104 charter members. The officers elected were: President Kosmo Franciscovitch; vice president, Martin Stonovich; corresponding secretary, Frank Stopech; financial secretary, Dominick Pnatic; treasurer, Martin Franciscovitch; master at arms, Sam Gilleche; doorkeeper, Pasco Bakotie. The order, which is reported in a flourishing condition, will hold the first of its series of meetings in this city on the evening of February 2.

The provisions in the Tuttle bill are to the effect that all legal notices shall be published in a newspaper having the largest circulation and fixing the maximum rates, and is an exact copy of the state law providing for publishing county court proceedings. The object is to have all legal notices published in a paper that has over 150 subscribers. The cost will be no more than at present, as bids are asked for doing the work the same as now. A paper that has been getting 80 cents an inch for the first insertion and 40 cents for each subsequent insertion through political chicanery, and which now publishes the notices for 5 cents and 4 cents, is not in a position to make any suggestions. It is not robbing the city, simply a political graft.

John O. Tiberg has fitted up a neat saloon in the old Liberty hall building and will give a grand opening Saturday night. He will carry a choice line of goods.

**PAYS TO ADVERTISE.**

**Views of a Prominent Merchant on the Efficacy of Advertising.**  
 A prominent merchant after complimenting the Astorian on its bright, new appearance and well filled pages of advertising, stated yesterday "that such a paper was a credit to the city. A paper well filled with advertising of prominent merchants is indicative of good business and prosperity. It shows a wide-awake city, and brings hundreds of people here to trade. It shows that a majority of its merchants are progressive and willing to lead their support to a live daily newspaper working in the interests of the city and the upbuilding of its industries."

"As an illustration of the difference in business," said the merchant, "a friend of mine and myself took a stroll on the business streets. We found stores that advertised were well filled with customers, while stores that did not advertise were empty. It didn't look as though there had been a customer in the store all day. People read the advertisements and they do their trading where certain inducements are held out. They rarely, if ever go into a store that has nothing special to offer."

This is true, and coming from one of the largest merchants in Astoria, carries weight. It is the result of experience and shows a determination on the part of the leading merchants to support the home newspaper. The Astorian publishes more news matter every day than all the other daily papers of the city combined. It encourages home people to patronize home merchants and its efforts are appreciated as is attested by a largely increased subscription list and increased advertising patronage.

**Church Notices.**

"The Necessity of Regeneration, and How to Obtain It," will be the subject of a sermon at the Baptist church Sunday. All other regular services will be observed as usual. Everybody is cordially invited.

German Lutheran church: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; services at 11. Instruction in German Saturday at 9 and 11:30 a. m.

The Scandinavian M. E. church, uptown. C. Aug. Petersen, pastor. Services at 11 and 7:45. Gospel meetings every evening at 7:45 the coming week.

Services at the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church tomorrow at 10:45 a. m. O. H. Aberg, pastor.

No services Sunday in the First Lutheran church. The pastor will be at Chinook conducting holy communion services. Sunday school meet, however, as usual at 9:30 a. m.

First Congregational church Sunday: Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Luther D. Mahone; Morning subject, "The Great Fire Kindled," evening, a "A Command From Prophecy." Sunday school 12:30.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

L. C. Burtin, deputy fish commissioner of Washington, was in the city yesterday making arrangements for the removal of J. Bruce Polworth from Cathlamet.

G. M. Strand of Portland was in the city yesterday.

Chas. H. Gleim of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.

C. J. Bolight of Columbia county was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

C. F. Loughery of Elgin registered at the Central yesterday.

C. H. Warren of Cathlamet was in the city yesterday.

C. C. Alexander of Oysterville was in the city yesterday on business.

Theodore Carrick of Ilwaco was in the city yesterday.

George A. Beavis of San Francisco was registered at the Occident yesterday.

Mrs. Gettes of Skamokawa was in Astoria yesterday doing some shopping.

Mrs. Thomas Craine of Brookfield came down on the Vanguard yesterday.

G. E. Sturgis of Baltimore was in the city yesterday.

Charles E. Sawyer, representing the Columbia River and Oregon Timberman, was in the city in the interests of that journal.

R. O. Lanfers of Bay Center was in the city yesterday. He will shortly move to Portland.

The Grotto will supply patrons with delicious Tom and Jerry every day. The superior quality of goods which has made the Grotto popular, will be supplied.

A meeting of the Women's Club will be held at the organization's hall this afternoon at which Judge Bowley will deliver an address, taking for his subject "Historic Astoria."

For wagons, buggies, plows, harrows and all kinds of farm tools and machinery see R. M. Gaston at 105 14th street, Astoria, Ore.

**Harmless Volcano.**

New York, Jan. 27.—No serious damage has been done by the recent earthquakes and eruptions of the volcano Montombo, cables the Herald's Managua, Nicaragua, correspondent. Residents of Leon and Managua, which are the nearest points to the volcano, were considerably alarmed, however.

**Our January Clearance Sale**

HAS PROVEN TO BE ALL WE CLAIMED IT. Hundreds of happy buyers have taken advantage of the many bargains offered. Why? Because they know from past experience that what we advertise, we mean. Now comes a mark down in our Suit and Coat Department that should be taken advantage of by every lady in Astoria that is in need of a Suit or Coat. Prices are positively the Lowest ever asked or stylish, well made garments.

**Lot 1, \$4.75.**  
 Coats and Suits that have been selling at \$7.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00  
**\$4.75**

**Lot 2, \$9.75.**  
 Coats and Suits that have been selling at \$12.00, \$15.00 and \$18.00,  
**\$9.75**

**Lot 3, \$14.75.**  
 Coats and Suits that have been selling at \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00,  
**\$14.75**

**Morse Department Store**  
 508-510 Commercial St.  
 Where Everybody Likes to Trade

**YET: TIME**  
 To Secure Books and Pictures at Half Price.

Clearance Sale ends February 1st. Framed pictures sold cheaper than ever this week.

**SVENSON'S BOOK STORE.**  
 Commercial and 12th Streets.

**Come and See!**

It will be worth your while to call and examine our stock. We will sell all our

**High Grade Footwear 10 per cent Discount**  
 And Broken Lots at 25 per Cent.

**Wherity, Ralston & Company**  
 Money Savers in Footwear.

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 CHOICEST FRESH AND SALT MEATS. — PROMPT DELIVERY  
 542 Commercial St. Phone Main 321.

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 ON  
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 Complete House Furnishers.